

RETAIN BUREAU FOR D. C. JOBLESS

Citizens' Committee Decides to
Support Agency by Public
Appeal for Funds.

The Citizens' Free Employment Committee, successor to the Federal Employment Bureau, at a meeting of representatives of its supporting welfare organizations in the board room of the District building yesterday decided to maintain the central bureau at 1410 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, until July 1, by which time it is expected that legislation providing for its continuance will have been enacted.

In order to maintain this service a fund of \$12,000 will be needed. The welfare representatives yesterday pledged a total of \$9,000, and promised to raise the remaining \$3,000 by next Friday.

Appeal By Brownlow.

Commissioner Brownlow made an appeal to Washington employers, stating that "it was the patriotic duty and a sound business policy for every District employer to see that the free employment bureau was not allowed to go out of business for lack of funds."

John H. O'Gorman, who represented the employment bureau at the meeting, emphasized the importance of having but one avenue of employment, and urged that there be but one main employment bureau in the city. Plans are being considered for amalgamating another local employment bureau for women with the women's division of the Citizens' Free Employment Committee. Action on this matter will probably be taken within the next week.

Table Shows Results.

"One of the chief reasons for maintaining only one employment agency," said Mr. O'Gorman, "is that by this method we can eliminate the unworthy 'floater' who goes from agency to agency, registering everywhere, offering his services for the highest bidder, in many cases for positions which he is absolutely unfitted to fill. Then, too, the employer and applicant will know just where to go to fill their needs."

A table of figures showing the work of the service from October 11, 1919, to December 31, was read. According to these figures 3,315 unemployed persons registered with the employment service and of this number 3,115 were referred to vacancies. Of the 3,115 references made 1,346 were for positions as unskilled laborers, 1,107 as skilled laborers, 645 as clerical workers, and 117 for professional positions of various sorts. The numbers of civilians and ex-service men referred were nearly equal, there being 1,583 of the former to 1,532 of the latter. The white applicants referred numbered 1,878, while the colored total was 1,237.

"POOR" CHORUS GIRL SEEKS \$1,000 GEMS

Coryphees Who Reported Loss of Jewels
in Baltimore Deplores Being
Called "Opera Star."

BALTIMORE, Jan. 4.—A pathetic letter, but a novelty, for it's from a "poor chorus girl," who deplores being called an "opera star," has been received by Headquarters Detective T. P. O'Donnell from Miss Beatrice Ober. She was a member of the Manhattan Grand Opera Company, which disbanded when the article had, and reported having lost jewelry valued at \$1,000 while she was staying at a local hotel.

O'Donnell is trying to find Miss Ober's jewels, which represent her life's savings. She is now living in New York. She advertised for the return of her gems in a local newspaper.

Here is her letter:

"One of the girls showed me a clipping from a Baltimore newspaper telling of the loss of my rings. The article was headed 'Opera Star Loses Diamonds.' If the article had reported having lost jewelry valued at \$1,000 while she was staying at a local hotel, I would have been very interested. But she was a chorus girl, not a star, and that until this season my maximum salary was \$26 a week, and now, because we have a union, is \$25 (which I didn't get). It will be difficult to convince people that anyone could be wearing such rings and be poor, but such is the case."

"The rings were my life's savings. I figured that some prestige might be gained in my business if I looked prosperous. You know of the trouble my company had while in Baltimore, and there were days when we took a walk for lunch, though I was wearing a small fortune on my fingers. 'If you could let the public know my true status the person who found the rings might return them.'"

FRANCE TO CONTROL SAAR.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—French occupation authorities at Saarbrücken have informed the municipal authorities that the French commission will take control of the new Saar state January 5, a dispatch from Amsterdam said.

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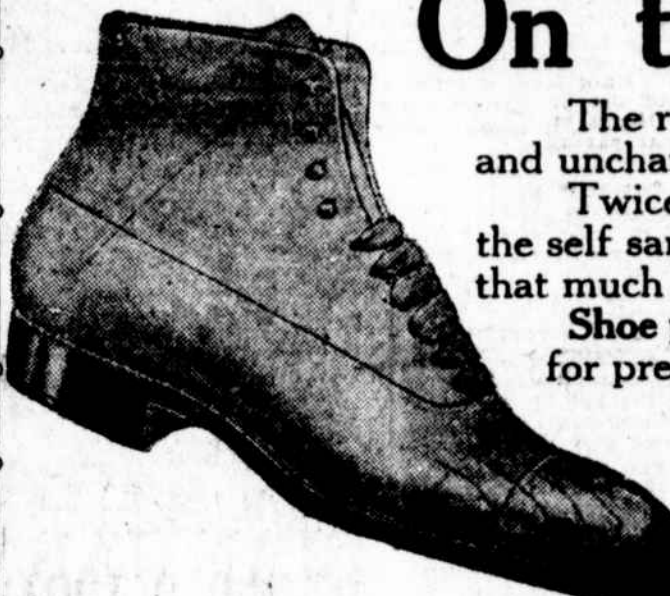
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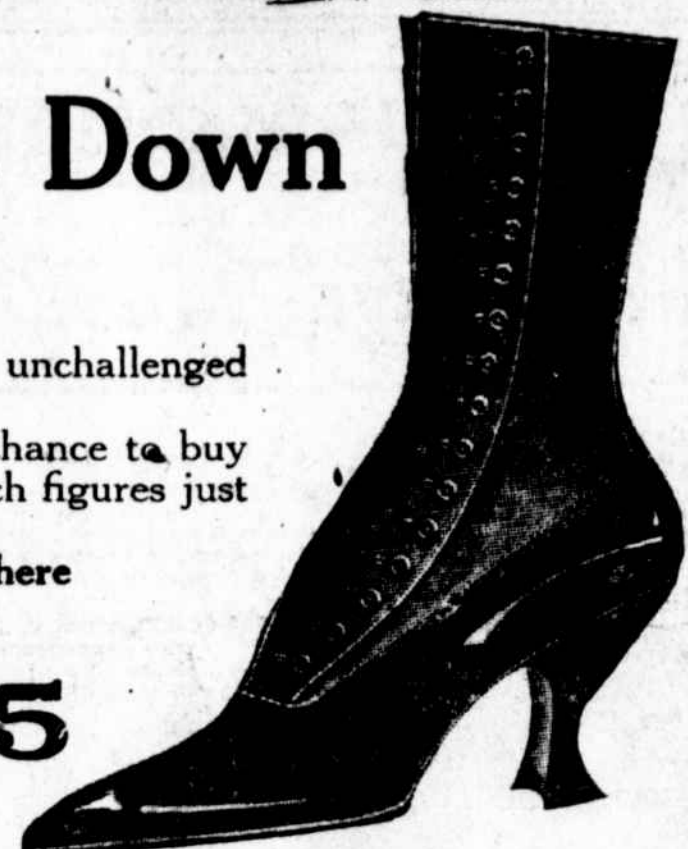
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Ladies—The refinement and elegance of design, the perfect leather and clever workmanship that go along with these gray lace shoes should appeal to every woman. Brooklyn made, light welts and turns, in pearl grays and Dixie grays, kid and buck tops; good height patterns, covered Louis heels; sizes somewhat broken, but can fit you in several varieties, no doubt. Price less than half present value. After-inventory sale, **\$6.85** both stores.

Ladies—Ask to see these items by all means. About twenty styles, and half as many hundred pairs Women's Novelty Dress Button Boots, light weight welt soles, covered Louis heels, long drawn out narrow effects. They come in solid field mouse as well as black vamps with Dixie gray tops, tan tops, etc. None prettier or better, no matter how high the price. After-inventory price, both stores, **\$8.65**

Ladies—The finishing touch to a graceful attire would be a pretty pair of the seal brown or the lighter shade of brown Nubuck Lace Boots; high pattern dress, welt sole and a leather Louis heel. We offer tomorrow the products of the best makers in the long, narrow forepart models. The present market prices are very high, indeed. Our after-inventory price, both stores, **\$9.85**

Ladies—As an example in money-saving we offer a quartet of Philadelphia-made turn pumps. Trusfit patterns—the kind that fit high over the instep to avoid slipping at the heel. They come in the drawn-out, narrow lasts—mat kid, patent colt and dull mat kidskin; covered Louis heels, as well as the baby French. After-inventory price, both stores, **\$7.85**

Washington women can invest their money in these boots with a feeling of safety and assured saving. Several hundred pairs of women's lace boots—J. & T. Cousins, Wm. Lane, Patrician, and other famously good makes. In tans, grays and field mouse and black; kid and calf leathers; military and Cuban heels; some with buck and cloth tops; all sizes and widths. Shoes of that snap and art in the workmanship that please discriminating women. Your money saving is well worth while. After-inventory price, both stores, **\$6.85**

Every woman should own a pair of these felt slipper values. They are unusual in every way. Pretty as pictures; warm, comfortable, high grade; great variety of patterns; pompom and fur trimmed and include a great range of colors. Not all sizes; but the after-inventory prices are very low. Three-price classes—

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A half dozen lines of Men's McElwain's Tan Calfskin Shoes in English and medium toes; straight lace and blucher effects; some with the swell wing tips, others with straight tips; most all sizes in these lots, in widths A to D.

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*Men—here's an excellent example of money-saving during the after-inventory sale as found in about 200 dozens of Steadfast and Burt & Packard Guaranteed Burrotops, in Black Gun Metal Calfskin Shoes—some with gray genuine buck tops, English and semi-English toes; A to D width; sizes 6 to 9; worth fully \$15 on the present market. Our after-inventory price, both stores, **\$8.85**

Men—as for the evidence of unusual values, the Genuine Tan Calfskin Shoes of the Barry and Craddock makes should interest men who would save dollars on good shoes. Tans, koko browns, and the blood orange shades, in a variety of lasts, English and near-English; all sizes and widths, B to E. Present wholesale price fully \$1.50 more than our after-inventory price. Both stores, **\$7.85**

Men—don't overlook these special items in Black Shoes, as the grades are high and the prices low. Weber Bros.' Black Kidskin, and Craddock's Genuine Kangaroo Straight Lace Shoes—Shoes of good appearance, endurance and assured comfort giving. Just the shoes for the man with tender feet; all sizes; widths B to E. After-inventory prices, both stores, **\$6.45**

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